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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF TENNESSEE
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011
FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL DAY
CALL TO ORDER**

The Senate of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly of the State of Tennessee was called to order at twelve o'clock noon by Mr. Speaker Ramsey in accordance with Article II, Sections 3 and 8 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.

PRAYER

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Pastor Tom Reed of Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church in Bluff City, Tennessee, a guest of Mr. Speaker Ramsey.

PRESENTATION

Members of the Tennessee Highway Patrol Honor Guard presented the colors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Madam Speaker Pro Tempore Woodson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMUNICATION

August 30, 2010

Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey
1 Legislative Plaza
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Lt. Governor Ramsey:

Please accept my letter of resignation effective 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 1st, 2010.

It has been my honor and a privilege to serve as State Senator of the 7th District of Knox County since 1995 and I look forward to serving as the new Knox County Mayor.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tim Burchett
State Senator

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**STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF KNOX**

**COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010**

The Knox County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 1:45 p.m. in the main assembly room of the City-County Building, Main Avenue. Those members present were Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Norman, Ownby, Briggs, Anders, Smith, Wright, Hammond and Shouse. Commissioner Brown was absent from the meeting. Also present were Mr. Joe Jarret, Knox County Law Director, Mr. Tim Burchett, Knox County Mayor, and members of the news media.

Commissioner Hammond, Chairman, presided.

The following proceedings were had and entered of record to wit: ...

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO SERVE AS THE SEVENTH
DISTRICT STATE SENATOR UNTIL THE NOVEMBER 2010 GENERAL ELECTION
RESULTS ARE CERTIFIED – R-10-9-105-SS:

Consideration of a resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing a member to serve as the Seventh District State Senator until the November 2010 General Election results are certified was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Joe Jarret, Knox County Law Director, and Mr. Tim Burchett, Knox County Mayor, were present and spoke on the matter.

Upon roll call for nominations for Seventh District State Senator, Commissioner McKenzie nominated Mr. Joseph (Chuck) L. Williams, Jr. Commissioner Broyles passed. Commissioner Norman nominated Mr. George Cranwell Montgomery. Commissioner Ownby nominated Mr. Steve Hill. Commissioner Briggs passed. Commissioner Anders passed. Commissioner Smith passed. Commissioner Wright passed. Commissioner Hammond passed. Commissioner Shouse passed. Commissioner Brown was absent from the meeting. No nominations were given from citizens.

Upon roll call for Seventh District State Senator, Commissioners Ownby, Anders, Smith and Shouse voted for Mr. Hill. Commissioners Norman, Briggs and Hammond voted for Mr. Montgomery. Commissioners McKenzie and Broyles voted for Mr. Williams. Commissioner Wright abstained from voting. Commissioner Brown was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Hill received 4 votes. Mr. Montgomery received 3 votes. Mr. Williams received 2 votes.

Upon roll call for the Seventh District State Senator, Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Norman, Briggs and Hammond voted for Mr. Montgomery. Commissioners Ownby, Anders, Smith and Shouse voted for Mr. Hill. Commissioner Wright abstained from voting. Commissioner Brown was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Montgomery received 5 votes. Mr. Hill received 4 votes.

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Upon roll call for Seventh District State Senator, Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Norman, Briggs and Hammond voted for Mr. Montgomery. Commissioners Ownby, Anders, Smith and Shouse voted for Mr. Hill. Commissioner Wright abstained from voting. Commissioner Brown was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Montgomery received 5 votes. Mr. Hill received 4 votes.

At this time, there was a request for the nominees to address the Commission. Mr. Steve Hill was present and spoke. Mr. Montgomery was not present at the meeting.

Upon roll call for Seventh District State Senator, Commissioners Ownby, Briggs, Anders, Smith, Wright, Hammond and Shouse voted for Mr. Hill. Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles and Norman voted for Mr. Montgomery. Commissioner Brown was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Hill received 7 votes. Mr. Montgomery received 3 votes.

Mr. Steve Hill was appointed Seventh District State Senator by Resolution R-10-9-105-SS-Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Steve Hill to serve as the Seventh District State Senator until the November 2010 General Election results are certified.

At this time, Mr. Hill was sworn by Judge Tony Stansberry....

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Knox County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Hammond declared the meeting adjourned.

Knox County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Mike Hammond, Chairman

COMMUNICATIONS

January 11, 2011

The Honorable Ronald Ramsey
Speaker of the Senate & Lt. Governor
1 Legislative Plaza
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On September 20, 2010, Mr. Steve Hill was duly and constitutionally appointed by the Knox County Commission as State Senator for the Seventh Senatorial District of the 107th General Assembly.

I certify to you that on September 20, 2010, Mr. Steve Hill was properly administered the oath of office by Knox County General Sessions Judge Tony W. Stansberry, and assumed his office as State Senator for the Seventh Senatorial District.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

/s/ Russell A. Humphrey
Chief Clerk

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November 5, 2010

Governor Phil Bredesen
Governor's Office
Tennessee State Capitol
Nashville, TN 37243-0001

Dear Governor Bredesen,

On November 2nd the voters of the sixth district overwhelmingly elected me to the U.S. House of Representatives and while I am excited by this new opportunity to serve the great State of Tennessee in Washington D.C. it is important to me that the voters of 18th senatorial district continue to receive representation in Nashville.

In order to hold elections for my State Senate seat as quickly as possible, I am resigning my office effective November 5, 2010.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Diane Black
State Senator, 18th District

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SUMNER**

**COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2010**

The Board of County Commissioners of Sumner County, Tennessee met in special-called session on Monday, November 22, 2010, in the Commission Chambers of the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin, Tennessee at 6:00 p.m. Present and presiding was the Chairman Merrol Hyde. Also present were the County Clerk Bill Kemp and County Law Director Leah Dennen and the following Commissioners to wit:

Mike Akins
Paul Decker
Paul D. Freels
Frank E. Freels
Billy Geminden
Paul Goode
Steve Graves
Michael Guthrie

Ben Harris
Merrol N. Hyde
David Kimbrough
Trisha LeMarbre
Joe C. Matthews
Kirk Moser
Bob Pospisil

David Satterfield
Jo Skidmore
Jerry F. Stone
Paige Brown Strong
Moe Taylor
Jim Vaughn
Shawn Utley

Having a duly constituted quorum, the meeting was opened in due process by Sheriff Sonny Weatherford. Chairman Hyde noted that with twenty-two members seated, a simple majority would be by thirteen votes; and that matters requiring a two-thirds vote would be by sixteen votes during this session. Commissioners Chris Hughes and Baker Ring were not present for the meeting.

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The Invocation was led by Clerk Bill Kemp.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Clerk, Bill Kemp.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Matthews moved, and was duly seconded by Commissioner Skidmore, to adopt the agenda with the additions. The Commission approved the agenda as amended by unanimous voice vote of the body.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Chairman Hyde opened the floor to allow the public to speak concerning any matter on the agenda.

Diane Black, U.S. Congressman-elect, of 819 Plantation Boulevard in Gallatin expressed her gratitude to the Commission for being elected to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ferrell Haile of 1900 Cairo Road in Gallatin expressed an interest in filling the vacancy created when Mrs. Black resigned as the representative of the 18th Senatorial District. Mr. Haile further stated that he would not seek a full term as State Senator.

With no one else wishing to speak, recognition of the public was closed.

READING OF THE CALL

Chairman Hyde directed the Clerk to read the following call:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

I, Bill Kemp, County Clerk, hereby give notice to all members of the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners, that the Chairman of the County Commission, Merrol Hyde, has called a special called meeting of this body to consider the following:

Pursuant to the Tennessee Constitution as well as the Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-111, notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 22, 2010, at approximately 6:00 p.m. (local time), the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners shall assemble in the Commission Chambers of the Sumner County Administration Building, 355 North Belvedere Drive, Gallatin, Sumner County, Tennessee, with respect to filling the vacancy in the Office of State Senator for the 18th Senatorial District created by the resignation of State Senator Diane Black.

The purpose of the special meeting is to consider, deliberate and possibly vote on a person to serve as the interim state senator for the 18th Senatorial District until the remaining term is filled as required by state statutory and constitutional requirements.

This special election will be held during a special called meeting of this Body on the aforesaid date.

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Voters of Sumner County are invited to submit names for consideration of appointment to this office. Persons interested in the position are asked to submit a resume or qualifications to the Office of the County Clerk, Sumner County Administration Building, 355 North Belvedere Drive, Room 111, Gallatin, Tennessee, 37066 by Monday, November 22, 2010, 12:00 Noon (local time) or attend aforesaid 6:00 p.m. meeting and express interest to a member the of Sumner County Legislative Body.

This position must be filled according to all applicable state statues, rules and regulations.

Anyone having an interest, desiring to comment or ask questions concerning the above referenced issue is invited to attend this meeting.

This notice executed and dated this 9th day of November, 2010.

Bill Kemp, Sumner County Clerk

Chairman Hyde stated that two interested persons had submitted resumes that were distributed to commissioners. Commissioner Satterfield nominated Ferrell Haile to serve as State Senator; Commissioner Utley nominated Steve Franks. Hearing no other nominations, Chairman Hyde declared nominations ceased and directed the Clerk to explain the roll call procedures, which were to push the green button for Mr. Haile and the white button for Mr. Franks.

The electronic vote as recorded in the following manner:

Akins	Y	Taylor	Y	Geminden	Y
Utley	Y	Graves	Y	Satterfield	Y
F. Freels	Y	Matthews	Y	Harris	Y
Brown Strong	Y	Vaughn	Y	LeMarbre	Y
Moser	Y	Decker	Y	Hyde	Y
Kimbrough	Y	Goode	Y	Skidmore	Y
P. Freels	Y	Stone	Y	Guthrie	Y
Pospisil	Y				

HAILE Yes: 22 No: 0 Abs: 0 06:11 PM

Chairman Hyde declared Ferrell Haile elected as 18th District State Senator and requested him to speak again.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hyde declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

/s/ Bill Kemp, Clerk

/s/ Merrol Hyde, Chairman

Prepared by Maria A. Savage
Approved on December 20, 2010

STATE OF TENNESSEE, SUMNER COUNTY
I, the undersigned county clerk, do hereby
certify that this is a true and correct copy of the

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original instrument filed in this office. Given under my hand and the seal of office.

This 5th day of January, 2011

/s/ Bill Kemp
Sumner County Clerk

OATH OF OFFICE OF SENATOR ELECT

The Speaker declared that Mr. Ferrell Haile, having been duly elected and qualified, was hereby officially seated representing the 18th Senatorial District. The Honorable Ron Ramsey, Lt. Governor and Speaker of the Senate, properly administered the oath of office on November 29, 2010.

NOTICE

Petitions contesting the elections of Third Senatorial District and the Fifteenth Senatorial District have been filed and received with the Clerk. The certified winners of each district were provisionally seated pending the review and outcome of the petitions.

OATH OF OFFICE OF SENATORS-ELECT

The following Senators-elect, found to be duly elected and qualified stood and were administered the oath prescribed by the Constitution of the State of Tennessee and Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-105, by the Honorable Chief Justice William C. Koch, Jr., of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

First Senatorial District -- Steve Southerland, representing Cocke, Green, Hamblen and Unicoi Counties.

Third Senatorial District -- Dewey E. "Rusty" Crowe II, representing Carter and Washington Counties.

Fifth Senatorial District -- Randy McNally, representing Anderson, part of Knox, Loudon and Monroe Counties.

Seventh Senatorial District -- Stacey Campfield, representing part of Knox County.

Ninth Senatorial District -- Mike Bell, representing Bradley, McMinn, Meigs and Polk Counties.

Eleventh Senatorial District -- Bo Watson, representing part of Hamilton County.

Thirteenth Senatorial District -- Bill Ketron, representing Lincoln, Marshall, Maury and part of Rutherford Counties.

Fifteenth Senatorial District -- Charlotte Burks, representing Cumberland, Jackson, Overton, Pickett, Putnam and White Counties.

Seventeenth Senatorial District -- Mae Beavers, representing Cannon, Clay, Dekalb, Macon, Smith, part of Sumner, Trousdale and Wilson Counties.

Nineteenth Senatorial District -- Thelma Harper, representing part of Davidson County.

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Twenty-first Senatorial District -- Douglas Henry, representing part of Davidson County.

Twenty-third Senatorial District -- Jack Johnson, representing part of Davidson and Williamson Counties.

Twenty-fifth Senatorial District -- Jim Summerville, representing Dickson, Giles, Hickman, Humphreys, Lawrence and Lewis Counties.

Twenty-seventh Senatorial District -- Lowe Finney, representing Carroll, Gibson and Madison Counties.

Twenty-ninth Senatorial District -- Ophelia Ford, representing part of Shelby County.

Thirty-first Senatorial District -- Brian Kelsey, representing part of Shelby County.

Thirty-third Senatorial District -- Reginald Tate, representing part of Shelby County.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present 33

Senators present were: Barnes, Beavers, Bell, Berke, Burks, Campfield, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Marrero, McNally, Norris, Overbey, Southerland, Stewart, Summerville, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Woodson, Yager and Mr. Speaker Ramsey--33.

ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULES

Senator Norris moved that the Temporary Rules of the Senate of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly be made the Temporary Rules of the Senate of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly.

Senator Kyle seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes 33
Noes 0

Senators voting aye were: Barnes, Beavers, Bell, Berke, Burks, Campfield, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Marrero, McNally, Norris, Overbey, Southerland, Stewart, Summerville, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Woodson, Yager and Mr. Speaker Ramsey--33.

MR. SPEAKER RAMSEY RELINQUISHES CHAIR

Mr. Speaker Ramsey relinquishes the chair to Senator McNally as Speaker Pro Tempore.

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ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore McNally announced that the first order of business was the election of a Speaker and stated that nominations for the position were in order.

Senator Norris placed in nomination the name of Senator Ramsey, of Sullivan County, representing the 2nd Senatorial District.

Senator Ketron seconded the nomination of Senator Ramsey.

Senator Henry seconded the nomination of Senator Ramsey.

Senator Kyle placed in nomination the name of Senator Haynes, of Davidson County, representing the 20th Senatorial District.

Senator Finney seconded the nomination of Senator Haynes.

Senator Woodson moved that the nominations cease and that the Clerk be directed to call the roll, which motion prevailed.

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Senator Ramsey	20
Senator Haynes	13

Senators voting for Senator Ramsey were: Beavers, Bell, Campfield, Crowe, Faulk, Gresham, Haile, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, McNally, Norris, Overbey, Southerland, Summerville, Tracy, Watson, Woodson, Yager and Mr. Speaker Ramsey--20.

Senators voting for Senator Haynes were: Barnes, Berke, Burks, Finney, Ford, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Kyle, Marrero, Stewart and Tate--13.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore McNally declared that Senator Ramsey, having received a majority of votes of the Senate membership, was duly, legally, constitutionally elected Speaker of the Senate and Lieutenant Governor of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore McNally appointed a committee composed of Senators Southerland, Faulk and Crowe to escort Mr. Speaker Ramsey to the chair.

OATH OF OFFICE OF SPEAKER

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Speaker Ramsey by the Honorable Chief Justice William C. Koch, Jr., of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

REMARKS OF MR. SPEAKER RAMSEY

I want to thank you for the faith you have again put in me to be Speaker. It is an honor and I am grateful for your support.

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There are many others who deserve special recognition. First and foremost, I want to give thanks to God, to whom we are all indebted and without whom nothing is possible.

I want to say a special word of thanks to my wife Sindy and our family, who have always provided unwavering love and support.

I want to express my appreciation to the people of Sullivan County and Johnson County, who have placed their confidence in me to serve them in the Senate.

To the members of the Senate Republican Caucus: I am proud to have your trust and I want to thank you for the opportunity to lead.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the people we all serve -- the citizens of our great state.

We have four new senators in the room. I want to welcome you and thank you for your service. Today is a special day for you. Don't ever lose the feeling you have right now. Keep it with you every time you walk into this chamber. Out of over six million people in our great state, the voters chose you to be here. This great honor comes with great responsibility and I know you will carry it well.

This is an exciting and challenging time for our state and our nation. We stand at the beginning of a new decade and a new era in Tennessee.

We come together today just two months after Tennessee voters gave a mandate to those who pledged a new focus:

- Reduce the size of state government and push back against an overreaching federal government;
- Cut taxes and let the private sector create good, high paying jobs;
- Give parents a choice in how their children are educated and reform public education to prepare students to enter the workforce;
- Ensure that Tennessee does not turn into Washington with out of control spending and taxing;
- Stand shoulder to shoulder with sister states to make the federal government protect our jobs and borders.

That is my vision for Tennessee and together we can keep that pledge and make Tennessee an oasis in a nation that has lost its way. We can be the example that brings this country back from the brink.

We will face many challenges in the next two years:

- The budget shortfall will require that we implement cuts identified by a bi-partisan consensus in the last general assembly;

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- We will take on the once-in-a-decade task of redrawing political boundaries. In this general assembly, it will be done in a fair manner.

There is a new Governor and new leadership in the House of Representatives. Therefore, it is the individuals in this chamber who will provide the experienced, successful leadership to guide our state. I know you will succeed.

Tennessee has a bright future ahead of her as long as we remain dedicated to job creation and Tennessee's traditions of faith and family. Together we can make that future a reality.

May God bless you and the State of Tennessee.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

The Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Russell Humphrey of Williamson County, Chief Clerk; Mr. Alan Whittington of Davidson County, Assistant Chief Clerk; Mr. Scott Sloan of Wilson County, Chief Engrossing Clerk; and Mr. Don Keaton of Wilson County, Chief Sergeant at Arms.

OATH OF OFFICE OF OFFICIALS

Mr. Speaker Ramsey administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Russell Humphrey, Chief Clerk; Mr. Alan Whittington, Assistant Chief Clerk; Mr. Scott Sloan, Chief Engrossing Clerk; and Mr. Don Keaton, Chief Sergeant at Arms.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved that a committee be appointed by the Speaker to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate had perfected its organization and was ready for the transaction of business, which motion prevailed.

APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate had perfected its organization and was ready for the transaction of business: Senators Bell, Campfield, Herron, Kelsey, Marrero and Tate. Senator Bell served as Chairperson of this committee.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved that a committee be appointed by the Speaker to notify the Governor that the Senate had perfected its organization and was ready for the transaction of business, which motion prevailed.

APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to notify the Governor that the Senate had perfected its organization and was ready for the transaction of business: Senators Beavers, Burks, Haile, Haynes, Henry and Woodson. Senator Beavers served as Chairperson of this committee.

RECESS

Without objection, the Senate stood in recess awaiting the reports of the Select Committees.

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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by Mr. Speaker Ramsey.

ROLL CALL

The Speaker declared that a quorum was present.

On motion, the roll call was dispensed with.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEES

Senator Beavers, Chairperson, advised the Senate that the Governor had been notified that the Senate had perfected its organization and was ready for the transaction of business.

Senator Campfield, advised the Senate that the House of Representatives had been notified that the Senate had perfected its organization and was ready for the transaction of business.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved that Rules 32, 33 and 37 be suspended for the introduction and immediate consideration of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 9**, out of order, which motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

Senate Joint Resolution No. 9 by Senator Norris.
General Assembly, Joint Conventions -- Calls Joint Convention to elect comptroller and state treasurer on January 12, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Senator Norris, the rules were suspended for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

On motion, **Senate Joint Resolution No. 9** was adopted.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved that Rules 32, 33 and 37 be suspended for the introduction and immediate consideration of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 10**, out of order, which motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

Senate Joint Resolution No. 10 by Senator Norris.
General Assembly, Joint Conventions -- Provides for counting votes and declaring results of November 2010 election for governor during joint convention to elect comptroller and state treasurer on January 12, 2011.

On motion of Senator Norris, the rules were suspended for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

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On motion, **Senate Joint Resolution No. 10** was adopted.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved, pursuant to Rule 32 and Article II, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, **Senate Bills Nos. 1 through 19** be passed on first consideration, which motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The Speaker announced that the following bills were filed for introduction and passed first consideration:

Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Norris.

Redistricting, Legislative -- As introduced, updates references to 2010 TIGER system and geography; clarifies provisions concerning districts, terms and vacancies prior to November 2012 elections; clarifies that contiguity by water is sufficient. Amends TCA Section 3-1-102.

Senate Bill No. 2 by Senator Norris.

Redistricting, Legislative -- As introduced, updates references to 2010 TIGER system and geography; clarifies provisions concerning districts, terms and vacancies prior to November 2012 elections; clarifies that house districts are not affected by reapportionment of county legislative bodies. Amends TCA Section 3-1-103.

Senate Bill No. 3 by Senator Norris.

Redistricting, Congressional -- As introduced, updates reference to 2010 TIGER system; clarifies contiguity by water is sufficient. Amends TCA Section 2-16-103.

Senate Bill No. 4 by Senator Norris.

Taxes, Real Property -- As introduced, revises property tax freeze income limit reference of census data from the most recent decennial census to estimates in the year following the most recent federal census. Amends TCA Section 67-5-705(f).

Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator Norris.

Redistricting, Congressional -- As introduced, requires compliance with state and federal constitutions as well as judicial decisions in passing congressional redistricting plan. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 16, Part 1 and Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1.

Senate Bill No. 6 by Senator Henry.

Taxes, Sales -- As introduced, extends limited sales tax refund for certain appliances, furniture, and building supplies purchased in response to May 2010 flood. Amends TCA Section 67-6-396.

Senate Bill No. 7 by Senator Henry.

Taxes, Sales -- As introduced, extends existing law that allows persons receiving FEMA assistance from May 2010 flood damage to apply for sales tax refunds for certain residential purchases; permits refunds for eligible purchases made between October 1, 2010, and May 1, 2011. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6.

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Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Campfield.

Immigration -- As introduced, requires all state and local governmental entities to verify that all employees hired after July 1, 2011, are not illegal aliens. Amends TCA Title 12; Title 39 and Title 50.

Senate Bill No. 9 by Senator Campfield.

Education, Higher -- As introduced, requires public postsecondary institutions to verify that applicants are citizens of the United States or are international students with a valid visa authorizing their stay in the United States. Amends TCA Title 49.

Senate Bill No. 10 by Senator Ketron.

Driver Licenses -- As introduced, requires that all written examinations for driver license or intermediate driver license be in English. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 3.

Senate Bill No. 11 by Senator Ketron.

Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies -- As introduced, revises the Insurance Producer Licensing Act of 2002 and other provisions pertaining to investigations of insurance producers and insurers. Amends TCA Title 56.

Senate Bill No. 12 by Senator Ketron.

Alcoholic Beverages -- As introduced, removes authority from the Department of Agriculture to regulate or inspect a distillery or wholesaler of alcoholic beverages. Amends TCA Title 43; Title 53 and Title 57.

Senate Bill No. 13 by Senator Southerland.

Clerks, Court -- As introduced, transfers probate court clerking responsibilities in Greene County from the county clerk to the clerk and master. Amends TCA Section 18-6-106.

Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Southerland.

Parks, Natural Areas Preservation -- As introduced, designates the Pigeon River as a Class II Scenic River under the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Act of 1968. Amends TCA Title 11, Chapter 13, Part 1.

Senate Bill No. 15 by Senator Kelsey.

School Districts, Special -- As introduced, under certain circumstances, requires the schools within certain abolished special school districts to be included within the Department of Education's achievement school district, and requires such schools to be managed and governed accordingly. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 5.

Senate Bill No. 16 by Senator Ketron.

Election Laws -- As introduced, requires a voter to present qualified photographic identification before voting; voters without proper identification shall be allowed to cast provisional ballots. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 7, Part 1.

Senate Bill No. 17 by Senator Norris.

Mortgages -- As introduced, exempts from licensure: individuals making five or fewer mortgage loans within the same 12-month period and sellers who receive one or more mortgages, deeds of trust, or other security instruments as security for a purchase money obligation. Amends TCA Title 45, Chapter 13.

Senate Bill No. 18 by Senator Norris.

Statutes and Codification -- As introduced, codifies the acts of the 2010 legislative session.

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Senate Bill No. 19 by Senator Haynes.

Taxes, Sales -- As introduced, extends limited sales tax refund for certain appliances, furniture, and building supplies purchased in response to May 2010 flood. Amends TCA Section 67-6-396.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved, pursuant to Rule 21, **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 1 through 8** be passed on first consideration and lie over, which motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The Speaker announced that the following resolutions were filed for introduction. Pursuant to Rule 21, the resolutions lie over.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 by Senators Henry and Stewart.

Memorials, Retirement -- Colonel Mike Walker, Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 by Senator Henry.

Memorials, Death -- Monsignor George Rohling.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 by Senator Henry.

Memorials, Death -- Wayne Whitt.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 by Senator Henry.

Memorials, Public Service -- Dave Goetz, Commissioner of Finance and Administration.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 by Senator Henry.

Memorials, Death -- James Foster Neal.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 by Senator Henry.

Memorials, Recognition -- Nashville Public Library, 2010 National Medal for Museum and Library Services.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7 by Senators Tracy and Henry.

Memorials, Death -- James Ivan Potts.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 by Senator Faulk.

Constitutional Amendments -- Proposes a constitutional amendment that limits State Senators to election to two terms of service and Representatives to election to four terms of service.

NOTICES

REPORT FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES

The report was received and filed with the Clerk.

TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S ANNUAL REPORT

The report was received and filed with the Clerk.

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APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker Ramsey appointed Senators Norris, Kyle and McNally to the Select Committee to Review Audits and Operations of the Comptroller of the Treasury and the Department of Treasury. Senator McNally will serve as the Chairperson of this committee.

Mr. Speaker Ramsey appointed Senators Norris, Kyle and McNally to the Select Committee to Canvass Returns on the Governor's Race. Senator Norris will serve as Chairperson for this committee.

Mr. Speaker Ramsey appointed the following members to the Ad Hoc Committee to review the election contests in Senatorial Districts three and fifteen: Senators Woodson, Faulk, Overbey, Berke and Haynes. Senator Woodson will serve as Chairperson.

Mr. Speaker Ramsey appointed the following Temporary Committee on Rules: Senators Norris, Henry, Kyle, McNally and Woodson. Senator Norris will serve as Chairperson.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved that the Proposed Schedule for the week of January 10, 2011, be adopted and made the action of the Senate, which motion prevailed.

TENNESSEE STATE SENATE 107th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2011

TUESDAY – January 11

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| 12:00 noon | Convening of the 107th General Assembly – Senate Chamber <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oath of Office• Adoption of the Temporary Rules• Election of Speaker of the Senate |
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WEDNESDAY – January 12

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| 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Session – Senate Chamber |
| 10:00 a.m. | Joint Convention – House Chamber <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election of the Comptroller of the Treasury• Election of the State Treasure |

THURSDAY – January 13

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| 9:00 a.m. | Session – Senate Chamber <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election of Fiscal Review Committee• Appointment of Standing Committees |
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011 -- 1ST ORGANIZATIONAL DAY

FRIDAY – January 14

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| 9:00 a.m. | Session – Senate Chamber |
| 9:30 a.m. | Joint Convention – House Chamber |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethics Training, Mr. Drew Rawlins, Executive Director of Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance |

SATURDAY – January 15

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| 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Session – Senate Chamber |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of Organization• Recess to Governor's Inauguration |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Joint Convention – War Memorial Plaza |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inauguration of Governor Bill Haslam |
| 12:30 p.m. | Session – Senate Chamber |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convening of the First Legislative Day• Adoption of Senate Schedule |

NOTE: On Thursday, official Senate member photos will be taken from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in Room 30 LP.

The Senate will likely be in recess until Monday, February 7, 2011

ENGROSSED BILLS

January 11, 2011

MR. SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 9 and 10, and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

M. SCOTT SLOAN,
Chief Engrossing Clerk.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 11, 2011

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 9 and 10, concurred in by the House.

JOE MCCORD,
Chief Clerk.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 11, 2011

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the House of Representatives to notify the Senate that the House has perfected its organization and is ready for the transaction of business. The Honorable Beth Harwell of Davidson County was elected Speaker. The Speaker appointed Mr. Joe McCord,

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011 -- 1ST ORGANIZATIONAL DAY

Chief Clerk; Ms. Tammy Letzler, Assistant Chief Clerk; Ms. Betty K. Francis, Chief Engrossing Clerk; and Mr. Victor Thompson, Chief Sargent-at-Arms.

JOE MCCORD,
Chief Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Norris moved the Senate adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2011, which motion prevailed.